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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.38)

(g) Commodities (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38

1. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco) introduced the draft resolution entitled "Commodities" on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. He highlighted paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and expressed the hope that delegations would support it.

Agenda item 100: Globalization and interdependence (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.41 and L.42)

Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41

2. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence". The name "Astana" in paragraph 18 should be replaced with the word "Almaty". He highlighted paragraphs 2, 4, 10, 15, 16, 18 and 19 and expressed the hope that it would be supported by delegations.

Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42

3. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced the draft resolution entitled "World Summit on the Information Society".

Agenda item 103: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.36*)

*Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36**

4. **Mr. Elfarnawany** (Egypt) introduced the draft resolution entitled "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources" on behalf of the sponsors. The draft resolution attempted to address the causes of the deteriorating situation and economic problems in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in the occupied Syrian Golan. His delegation sincerely hoped that in the not too distant future, following the end of Israeli occupation, there would no longer be any need to discuss such a resolution at the United Nations.

Agenda item 104: Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (*continued*) (A/C.2/58/L.39 and L.40)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (*continued*)

(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.39

5. **Mr. Severin** (Saint Lucia) introduced the draft resolution entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development", drafted by the President of the General Assembly. In paragraph 11, the words "issues such as" should be inserted after the word "on". The draft resolution did not repeat the agreed language of the Monterrey Consensus and other resolutions on substantive issues; it focused instead on follow-up through mechanisms to foster implementation and the monitoring and assessment of implementation. Overwhelming support from all Member States and early adoption of the draft would send a clear signal of how serious the international community was about implementing the Monterrey Consensus and the policy pronouncements made during the High-level Dialogue.

Draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.40

6. **Mr. Siv** (United States of America) introduced the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development", noting that it responded to the request of the Financing for Development Office for timely political guidance and offered specific, practical steps that the Office should take in carrying out its mandate.

7. **Mr. Bernardini** (Italy), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that, while the European Union was satisfied with the outcome of the High-level Dialogue and welcomed draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 and A/C.2/58/L.40, it had some problems with the former and felt that the latter needed

to be improved. The drafts could be combined into a single resolution.

8. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Group would seriously consider the European Union's suggestion of merging the two resolutions into a single resolution.

Other matters

9. **Mr. Ghigo** (Malta), reporting on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/61, said that, over the past few years, the Working Group had played a key role in the continuous improvement of information technology services and training provided to delegates at United Nations Headquarters. Those activities had included providing and maintaining personal computers in conference areas; making more official documents available on the Internet; and developing training programmes for Member States on the use of various information technology services.

10. One of the latest projects was a booklet entitled "Internet Services for Delegates", which provided information about various Secretariat information technology services. The Working Group was also developing a software program, which would allow delegates to download onto Personal Digital Assistants practical data, such as the *Journal of the United Nations* and other topical information relating to their work at the United Nations.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.